

**REMARKS****Reconsideration And Allowance  
Are Respectfully Requested.**

Claims 1-5, 9-15 and 19-29 are currently pending. Claims 6-8 and 16-18 have been canceled. Claims 1, 9, 19 and 24 have been amended. No new matter has been added. No new claims have been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As explained to the examiner, the pending application is the third in a series of patents defining the unique vehicle security system of the applicant. During the interview, reference to U.S. Patent 5,644,937 and U.S. Patent 6,074,009 was made by the undersigned. The subject continuation in part incorporates and expands on the concept of the security module which includes a security controller which functions to transmit an actuation signal to the seat patterning system.

In addition, the application discloses the gearing mechanism linking the seat member and lumbar member, whereby in a preferred embodiment the seat member and lumbar member move together to a security position within the vehicle, where the lumbar and seat members are substantially flush with the steering wheel and dashboard. The gear teeth of the gearing mechanism are situated over a sufficient arc distance to facilitate the full forward rotation of the lumbar support member into the security position.

Claims 1, 9, 19 and 24 have been amended to incorporate reference to this gearing mechanism. In addition, these claims have been amended to indicate that the seat and lumbar members move relative to one another. Antecedent support for these amendments is found in the application at page 13, lines 4 through 25, as well as in the drawings.

The examiner cited Cohen in view of Wakamatsu to indicate that the originally presented claims were obvious. Under 35 USC 103, however, with the amendments to the claims as presented herein, the examiner has allowed all the claims pending in the case.

However, for the record, it is noted that nowhere in Cohen does it teach or disclose the unique vehicle security device of applicant's invention. Wakamatsu does not cure this deficiency in that that reference merely teaches an adjustable head rest. See for example the drawings and the disclosure at column 2, lines 54-58 of the specification, wherein it teaches that "a seat having an adjusting mechanism for adjusting the height of a head rest constructed in accordance with the first embodiment of the present invention, will be first described hereinafter." It is therefore argued that it would not be obvious to combine the teachings of Wakamatsu with those of Cohen in the context of the claims as amended in the application which require a gear mechanism linking the seat member and the lumbar support member for controlled forward movement of the seat member and the lumbar support member to a forward security position.

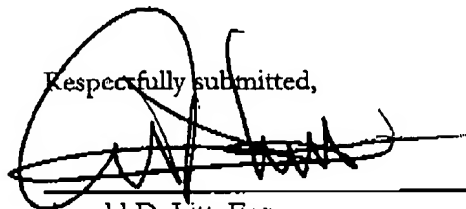
None of the other references cited by the examiner but not relied upon to support the rejection, are relevant to the subject invention.

CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the telephonic office interview referenced above, applicant believes that the claims as amended are in condition for allowance. The examiner has indicated that our response should be faxed over to her at 703-746-3523. The examiner will then enter an examiner's amendment, allowing the amended claims provided herewith.

Applicant would again like to extend his thanks for the courtesies shown him in connection with the office interview and for the allowance of the amended claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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